



Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART II

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Registration

21 Registration of vehicles.

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, on the first issue by him of a vehicle licence for a vehicle, register the vehicle in such manner as he thinks fit without any further application by the person taking out the licence.
- (2) Where particulars in respect of a vehicle are furnished to the Secretary of State in accordance with regulations under section 24 before he first issues a vehicle licence for the vehicle, he shall so register the vehicle on receiving the particulars.

22 Registration regulations.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision with respect to the registration of vehicles (including, in particular, the form of and the particulars to be included in the register of trade licences),
 - (b) require the Secretary of State to make with respect to registered vehicles the returns prescribed by the regulations,
 - (c) provide for making any particulars contained in the register available for use by the persons prescribed by the regulations on payment, in cases so prescribed, of a fee of such amount as appears to the Secretary of State reasonable in the circumstances of the case,
 - (d) require a person by or to whom any vehicle is sold or disposed of to furnish the particulars prescribed by the regulations in the manner so prescribed,
 - (e) provide for the issue of registration documents in respect of the registration of a vehicle,

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- (f) provide for the transfer, surrender and production of registration documents,
 - (g) provide for the inspection of registration documents by the persons prescribed by the regulations, and
 - (h) provide for the issue of new registration documents in place of registration documents which are or may be lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged.
- (2) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may—
- (a) extend any of the provisions as to registration (and provisions incidental to any of those provisions) to, and
 - (b) provide for the identification of, any exempt vehicles, any vehicles belonging to the Crown or any trailers (within the meaning of Part VIII of Schedule 1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) which require a person to furnish information relating to a vehicle which is an exempt vehicle under paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 may require him to furnish (in addition) such evidence of the facts giving rise to the exemption as is prescribed by the regulations.

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[^{F1}22ZA Nil licences for vehicles for disabled persons: information

- (1) This section applies to information that—
- (a) is held for the purposes of functions relating to social security or war pensions—
 - (i) by the Secretary of State, or
 - (ii) by a person providing services to the Secretary of State, in connection with the provision of those services, and
 - (b) is of a description prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Information to which this section applies may, if the consent condition is satisfied, be supplied—
- (a) to the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) to a person providing services to the Secretary of State, for use for the purposes of relevant nil licence functions.
- (3) The “consent condition”, in relation to any information, is that—
- (a) if the information was provided by a person other than the person to whom the information relates, the person who provided the information, or
 - (b) in any other case, the person to whom the information relates, has consented to the supply of the information and has not withdrawn that consent.
- (4) Information supplied under subsection (2) shall not—
- (a) be supplied by the recipient to any other person unless—
 - (i) it could be supplied to that person under subsection (2), or
 - (ii) it is supplied for the purposes of any civil or criminal proceedings relating to this Act;
 - (b) be used otherwise than for the purposes of relevant nil licence functions or any such proceedings.

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- (5) In this section “relevant nil licence functions” means functions relating to applications for, and the issue of, nil licences in respect of vehicles that are exempt vehicles under—
- (a) paragraph 19 of Schedule 2, or
 - (b) paragraph 7 of Schedule 4.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 22ZA inserted (24.7.2002) by [Finance Act 2002 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 17

VALID FROM 17/09/2002

[^{F2}22A Vehicle identity checks

- (1) This section applies to regulations under section 22(1)(h) which confer a power on the Secretary of State to refuse to issue a new registration document in respect of a registered vehicle if he is not satisfied that the vehicle for which the document is being sought is the registered vehicle.
- (2) Such regulations may, in particular, provide for—
 - (a) the examination (whether by the Secretary of State or by persons authorised by him) of all vehicles for which new registration documents are being sought, or such vehicles of a particular description, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are the registered vehicles concerned,
 - (b) the provision of other evidence in relation to all vehicles for which new registration documents are being sought, or such vehicles of a particular description, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are the registered vehicles concerned.
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (2) may, in particular, provide for—
 - (a) notification of examinations (including their purpose), the issue of certificates as to the outcome of examinations and the keeping of records in relation to examinations and certificates,
 - (b) the issue of duplicates or copies of certificates and the fees to be paid on applications for such duplicates or copies,
 - (c) the correction of errors in certificates,
 - (d) the payment of fees for examinations, and for re-examinations resulting from appeals and the repayment of the whole or part of the fee paid for such a re-examination where it appears to the Secretary of State that there were substantial grounds for contesting the whole or part of the decision appealed against,
 - (e) the making of appeals against the outcome of examinations,
 - (f) the carrying out of examinations in the absence of the keepers or owners of the vehicles concerned,
 - (g) courses of instruction in connection with the carrying out of examinations and the charging of fees in respect of attendance on such courses,

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- (h) the authorisation of examiners, the imposition of conditions to be complied with by authorised examiners (including the payment of fees to the Secretary of State) and the withdrawal of authorisations,
 - (i) the manner in which, conditions under which and apparatus with which examinations are carried out by authorised examiners, and the inspection of premises at which and apparatus with which such examinations are being, or are to be, carried out,
 - (j) the charges to be paid by authorised examiners to the Secretary of State in connection with—
 - (i) the issue of certificates,
 - (ii) the issue of duplicates or copies of certificates, and
 - (iii) the correction of errors in certificates.
- (4) The Secretary of State may use information contained in relevant records—
- (a) to check the accuracy of information which has been obtained under regulations made by virtue of subsection (2), and
 - (b) where appropriate, to amend or supplement any such information.
- (5) The Secretary of State may use information which has been obtained under regulations made by virtue of subsection (2)—
- (a) to check the accuracy of relevant records, and
 - (b) where appropriate, to amend or supplement information contained in those records.
- (6) In subsections (4) and (5) “relevant records” means records—
- (a) maintained by the Secretary of State in connection with any functions exercisable by him under or by virtue of this Act,
 - (b) records maintained by the Secretary of State (or caused by him to be maintained) under section 45(6B) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c.52).
- (7) Subsections (4) to (6) do not limit any powers of the Secretary of State apart from those subsections.
- (8) This section is without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by section 22.]

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 22A inserted (17.9.2002) by 2001 c. 3, ss. 33(2), 44; S.I. 2002/2377, art. 2(b)

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